

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	
- v. -	:	CONSENT PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE/ <u>MONEY JUDGMENT</u>
MARLUZ FERMIN,	:	
Defendant.	:	22 Cr. 12 (JPO)
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WHEREAS, on or about January 6, 2022, MARILUZ FERMIN (the “Defendant”), among others, was charged in a three-count Indictment, 22 Cr. 12 (JPO) (the “Indictment”), with conspiracy to commit wire fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349 (Count One); theft of government funds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 641 and 2 (Count Two); and aggravated identity theft, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1028A(a)(1) and (b), and (2) (Count Three);

WHEREAS, the Indictment included a forfeiture allegation as to Counts One and Two of the Indictment, seeking forfeiture to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981 (a) (1) (C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461 (c) of any and all property, real and personal which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the commission of the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment, including but not limited to a sum of money in United States currency representing the proceeds traceable to the commission of the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment;

WHEREAS, on or about May 3, 2023, the Defendant pled guilty to Count One of the Indictment, pursuant to a plea agreement with the Government, wherein the Defendant admitted the forfeiture allegation with respect to Count One of the Indictment and agreed to forfeit,

pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), a sum of money equal to \$1,256,715 in United States currency representing the proceeds traceable to the commission of the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment;

WHEREAS, the Defendant consents to the entry of a money judgment in the amount of \$1,256,715 in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment, that the Defendant personally obtained, for which the Defendant is jointly and severally liable with her co-defendants, Bellanilda Fermin and Juan Nolasco ("Co-defendants"), to the extent forfeiture money judgments are entered against the Co-defendants in this case; and

WHEREAS, the Defendant admits that, as a result of acts and/or omissions of the Defendant, the proceeds traceable to the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment that the Defendant personally obtained cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence.

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the United States of America, by its attorney Damian Williams, United States Attorney, Assistant United States Attorney, Mitzi S. Steiner of counsel, and the Defendant, and her counsel, Arthur G. Trakas, Esq., that:

1. As a result of the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment, to which the Defendant pled guilty, a money judgment in the amount of \$1,256,715 in United States currency (the "Money Judgment"), representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment that the Defendant personally obtained, for which the Defendant is jointly and severally liable the Co-defendants to the extent forfeiture money judgments are entered against them in this case, shall be entered against the Defendant.

2. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(4) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment is final as to the Defendant, MARLIUZ FERMIN, and shall be deemed part of the sentence of the Defendant, and shall be included in the judgment of conviction therewith.

3. All payments on the outstanding money judgment shall be made by postal money order, bank or certified check, made payable, in this instance, to the United States Marshall Service, and delivered by mail to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, Attn: Money Laundering and Transnational Criminal Enterprises Unit, One St. Andrew's Plaza, New York, New York 10007 and shall indicate the Defendant's name and case number

4. The United States Marshall Service or its designee shall be authorized to deposit the payment on the Money Judgment into the Treasury Assets Forfeiture Fund, and the United States shall have clear title to such forfeited property.

5. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), the United States is authorized to seek forfeiture of substitute assets of the Defendant up to the uncollected amount of the Money Judgment.

6. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States Attorney's Office is authorized to conduct any discovery needed to identify, locate or dispose of forfeitable property, including depositions, interrogatories, requests for production of documents and the issuance of subpoenas.

7. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment, and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

8. The signature page of this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

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SO ORDERED:

John Paul Oetken
HONORABLE JOHN PAUL OETKEN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

10/4/23
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